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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, Second Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 98-57, Phase III

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing by Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon MA") in the above-captioned matter, please find the *Ex Parte* letter filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on November 19, 2002, on behalf of Qwest, BellSouth, SBC and Verizon in connection with the FCC's *Triennial UNE Review* (CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147). That letter directly relates to issues raised in Verizon MA's Motion for Appeal of the Hearing Officer Ruling dated October 18, 2002, in this proceeding.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Anne Sousa

Enclosure

cc: Jesse Reyes, Esquire, Hearing Officer
Michael Isenberg, Esquire, Director-Telecommunications Division
Attached Service List